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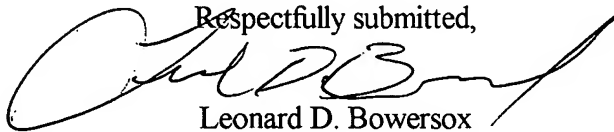
Sir:

The undersigned attorney requests the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on July 23, 2003, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and to date Applicants have not received acknowledgement of receipt. Attached is a copy of the USPTO date-stamped acknowledgement postcard that verifies the July 23, 2003 filing date and indicates that the application has been designated U.S. Patent Application No. 10/625,449.

Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement and a Filing Receipt for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/625,449, and further request a Notice to File Missing Parts or any other documentation or information deemed necessary by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for Applicants to complete the filing requirements for the Application.

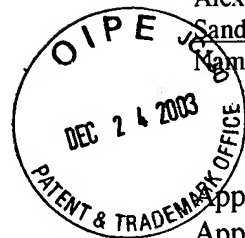
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Applicants: Dennis E. Mead et al.

Entitled: VALVE ASSEMBLY FOR MICROFLUIDIC DEVICES, AND METHOD
FOR OPENING AND CLOSING SAME

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Papers filed herewith on: July 23, 2003

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